

**PROPERTY & PLANNING
STANDING COMMITTEE
M I N U T E S
Held Wednesday, May 17, 2006
At 10:00 a.m. – City Council Chambers**

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PRESENT:	Councillor Wasacase	Chair
	Councillor Compton	Council
	Councillor McMillan	Council
	Councillor Parkes	Council
	Art Mior	
	Tara Rickaby	Planning Assistant
	Bill Preisentanz	CAO
	Jeff Port	City Planner

Regrets: Jennifer Rasmussen
Guest: Lori Nelson, Museum Curator

Councillor Wasacase opened the meeting at 10:07 a.m. and welcomed Ms. Nelson to the meeting.

ACTION

A. PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICES AS PER BY-LAW NUMBER 14-2003 -

A by-law to accept transfer of property to the City of Kenora from Robert and Stacy Neniska.

A by-law to stop up and close the lane or parts thereof described as Parts 1,2,3,4 & 5 on Reference Plan 23R-11262.

B. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

C. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 3 May, 2006

Moved by: Len Compton Seconded by: Rory McMillan

THAT the minutes of the May 3, 2006 meeting of the Property and Planning Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

D. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - Winter Tourism sub-committee of Economic Development Committee.

E. DEPUTATION - None

1. By-law to provide that *The Line Fences Act* does not apply to all or a part of the municipality.

By-law has been reviewed with Municipal Solicitor and will be ready for review by this Committee at next meeting.

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2. Economic Development Officer – Report

Jeff Port discussed the “Common Ground Workshop” report as prepared by Dovetail Resources and reported on the feast held on

May 11th and hosted by Abitibi Consolidated was landmark occasion as a follow up to the workshop. There is an intention to establish a work group in order to ensure continuity of the project.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accept the “Common Ground: A Whole New Meaning for “Tunnel Vision”” Report dated March 15, 2006

Recommendation approved

Jeff Port reported on the progress of the Branding Committee is to work with a professional consultant to develop a brand including a logo and slogan to be used when marketing the community to tourists, visitors, seasonal residents, and for purposes of industrial and business recruitment.

It is anticipated that 90% of the funding for the project will be provided by the Federal and/or Provincial governments.

Joanne

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora enter into a Contract with Outlook Market Research & Consulting Ltd. for the provision of professional consulting services to develop a new community logo and market brand; and

THAT the Mayor and Clerk of the Corporation of the City of Kenora be authorized to execute a Contract between The Corporation of the City of Kenora and Outlook Market Research & Consulting Ltd. in accordance with the terms and conditions therein and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.

Recommendation approved

Councillor Compton asked for an update on the “winter tourism committee”. Jeff Port said that the economic development committee will be establishing the committee, which will focus on four key areas: Mount Evergeen, Kenora Nordic Trails Association, Sunset Trail Riders and Kenora Chamber of Commerce & Hospitality Association (ice fishing).

The work with the Sunset Trail Riders will first to prepare a work plan to review the current trail alignments for both short term and long term goals and objectives. A report will come forward to this Committee. The Committee discussed the importance of having a well-balanced membership which is stakeholder driven. Jeff will discuss proposed September deadline with the Sunset Trail Riders to determine viability.

**Tara/Joanne
Jennifer**

Jeff Port

3. Presentation by Lori Nelson, Chair of Heritage Kenora

Lori opened her remarks reminding Council of the Heritage Kenora role: the first and foremost goal of this committee is heritage preservation, particularly of built structures (buildings, bridges, monuments) and cultural spaces (parks, historic sites, or beaches). The work of the committee is an important piece of a plan, which includes downtown revitalization, community beautification, and innovative economic development, which all lead to the creation of a vibrant city, which people want to be a part of, whether as a visitor or resident. And that leads to growth and sustainability of the community. There is no better time for the city to be embracing its uniqueness, through

its culture and heritage than now when we are facing the challenges of our economic future.

In June we will be asking the Planning and Property Committee to bring forward to Council a recommendation to establish a Municipal Register of Cultural Heritage Properties. The Register is a planning document. Its purpose is to: a) Recognize properties of cultural heritage value in a community b) Foster civic identity and pride by drawing attention to the heritage and development of a community c) Promote knowledge and enhance the understanding of a community's cultural heritage d) Provide easily accessible information about cultural heritage value for land-use planners, property owners, developers, the tourism industry, and the general public e) Can be a central element of a municipal cultural plan that begins with mapping local cultural resources and then leverages these resources for economic development and community building.

The recommendation to Council will be that the register will be established with an initial listing of the 4 properties in Kenora which are already designated:

- 1 Mather-Walls House - designated provincially and owned by the Ontario Heritage Trust
- 2 City Hall - designated by the Ontario Heritage Act in 1977.
- 3 Museum Annex (former museum building, originally the Land Titles Building) - Designated under the Ontario Heritage Act in 2000.
- 4 CPR Station - which was federally designated under the Heritage Railway Stations Protection Act in 1992.

Any building that is designated by Council in the future goes onto this list and, in addition, other sites which have not yet been designated may be placed on this register. These will be added as the committee works on its survey and evaluation of properties. (It should be noted that while the listing of non-designated properties does not offer any protection under the Ontario Heritage Act, section 2 of the Provincial Policy Statement of the Planning Act acknowledges listed properties, stating "Significant built heritage resources and significant cultural heritage landscapes shall be conserved.")

The Committee feels it important to get other stakeholders like the Harbourtown Centre Committee on side, and as well provide an opportunity to explain our purpose to the community and to get public feedback about what they feel is of cultural value to them. To that end, we'll be holding a public forum on the evening of May 31 to inform the public of the existence and role of the committee and also to answer questions related to heritage designation, and finally to receive feedback from the public about which heritage buildings and cultural landscapes are of value to them.

The intention is to work on designation only with willing property owners. There have already have several property owners indicate their interest in having their building designated, so the interest is there.

Colin thanked Lori for her informative presentation.

Information only

4. Transfer of property from Neniska to City of Kenora

On January 17, 2006, the Kenora Planning Advisory Committee gave conditional approval for the creation of two new lots on Black Sturgeon Lake. One condition of approval was that a .54 ha portion of property, which fronts lakeshore, which is designated with an "F2" – Northern

Pike spawning and nursery, be transferred to the City of Kenora for environmental protection purposes. The transfer of the property will protect key fishery habitat, and ensure the continued existence of a snowmobile trail which runs through the property during the winter months.

Recommendation:

THAT property described as Parcel 4664 Sec. DKF; Part of Broken Lot 10, Concession 2 of Melick, Part 2 on Plan 23R-4609, excepting thereout and therefrom Parts 1,2,3,4 and 5 on Plan 23R-11246 be transferred to the City of Kenora from Robert and Stacy Neniska and further;

THAT the subject property be designated EP – Environmental Protection

Recommendation approved

**Joanne/
Municipal
Solicitor**

5. Stop up and close lane

Council adopted resolution no. 15 on February 27, 2006, adopted authorizing the sale of lane allowance to Dean Moss (to provide clear title to property), Diana Crossin, Shirley Robertson, Craig Forster and Audrey Manzie. The subject properties abut Eighth Street or the unopened lanes between Eighth and Ninth Streets. The properties are located south of Highway 17 West, in the former Town of Keewatin.

The surveys have now been completed and the advertising process will begin on as soon as possible. Mr. Bruce Ormiston, Municipal Solicitor, will be preparing the necessary by-laws for adoption by Council. A separate by-law will be required for each property sale.

As usual, the purchasers are required to pay for all survey, legal, advertising and other associated costs in connection with this transaction.

Recommendation:

THAT Council give three readings to a by-law to assume, stop up, close and sell as Parts 1,2,3,4 and 5 on Plan 11262, in the City of Kenora of Kenora to Dean Moss, Diana Crossin, Craig Forster, Shirley Robertson and Audrey Manzie, respectively.

Recommendation approved

**Joanne/
Municipal
Solicitor**

Motion required adjourning to Closed Meeting:

Moved by Rory McMillan, Seconded by Art Mior , and Carried:-

THAT this meeting be now declared closed at 10:55 p.m.; and further

THAT Committee adjourns to a Closed Meeting to discuss the following:

Disposition of Land.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.